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Supervisor Chris H. Chambless is excited to announce the launch of “Enhanced Ballot” for the upcoming 2022 election season. The Enhanced Ballot system will improve the accessibility of Voting by Mail for voters with disabilities.

Enhanced Ballot is fully compatible with personal assistive devices like screen readers, screen magnifiers, and speech input software. This accessibility means a voter can cast their ballot independently and securely if choosing to Vote by Mail.

With Enhanced ballot, voters can download their ballot and mark it on their computer. Along with the ballot, voters receive a Vote by Mail envelope with a marked signature line for those who are visually impaired. Voters will need to sign the envelope and mail it back to the Elections Office. The process is similar to that used for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voters, or UOCAVA voters.

“For many years, Florida law has provided U.S. citizens who are active duty members of the military and their eligible family members, and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States, the ability to receive their ballots by email,” explains Supervisor Chambless, “UOCAVA voters can print and mark their ballots, then return them to the Elections Office, using the same voter authentication process as Vote by Mail.”

Enhanced Ballot is now in effect for the Primary Election. For voters who prefer to vote in person, every Early Vote location and polling place is equipped with the ADA-compliant ExpressVote. Early Voting begins August 13- 20, and Primary Election Day is August 23, 2022.

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